

**BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

935 Gravier Street, STE 2020, New Orleans, LA

Commissioners Present: Dr. Gene D.Amour, Ms. Yvette Jones, Mr. John Hope, Ms. Donna Klein, Ms. Kelisha Garrett, Reverend Kaseem Short

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Larry Hollier, Mr. Andy Kopplin, Ms. Kacie Kelly (via phone), Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Darrick LeBeouf, Mr. Harold Gaspard, Mr. Henry Hayes, Mr Roger Ogden

Others: Jaime Guillory (bookkeeper), New Orleans Business Alliance staff, and two (2) members of the public

Quorum: Not Present

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM CST.

II. Roll Call

G. D'Amour performed a roll call of board commissioners. Quorum was not present.

III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

No quorum was present. No comments were made regarding the agenda.

IV. Introduction of Guest(s)

G. D'Amour recognized the two members of the public as well as BioDistrict bookkeeper, Jamie Guillory, and the New Orleans Business Alliance staff present.

V. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items

No public input cards were received.

VI. Adoption of Minutes

G. D'Amour requested any changes to the previous meeting minutes from the present commissioners. No changes were requested. The minutes were not adopted due to lack of quorum.

VII. Financial Report

Jaime Guillory provided a financial report as of November 30, 2014. No anticipated changes by year end. No audit will be needed next year due to annual income not meeting audit requirements. The organization will need to publish a budget once one is prepared for a quorum of the board of commissioners to approve.

VIII. Chairman's Report

G. D'Amour provided a verbal update regarding compliance reports to the State and the review of board membership. All but one governor appointed position from Ochsner has been renewed. A letter was received from Jim McNamara's attorney keeping the suit open, but no new claims have been raised. G. D'Amour was featured on WWNO's program "Out To Lunch" with Peter Ricchiuti to talk about the work of the BioDistrict. The Mayor's anchor strategy was highlighted as well as the recent Brookings Institution innovations districts report and a recap of the cooperative endeavor agreement with the New Orleans Business Alliance.

IX. Update on New Orleans Business Alliance Initiatives

J. Hope p provided an update on the CEO search and process timing. Melissa Ehlinger, Interim CEO of New Orleans Business Alliance, updated the board on the current status of the anchor institution strategy, business development updates including Cobalt Medical Center and Renaissance RX, and an update on moving the BioDistrict website to the new New Orleans Business Alliance website.

X. Other Old BUiness

No old business was presented.

XI. New Business

No new business was presented.

XII. Public Comment(s)

No public comment(s) were made.

XIII. Adjournment

G. D'Amour adjourned the meeting with the approval of the commissioners present at 9:08 AM CST.